

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure under MPEP § 608.01 because it contains embedded hyperlinks. The specification is amended herein to address the objection. The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. No new matter is added.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0004] on pages 1 and 2 with the following paragraph:

[0004] Consequently, many services and tools for distributing images and voices via a broadband network have been proposed. To this end, high-quality image distribution systems utilizing broadband; e.g., Ruff Systems (~~Publication 1, <http://www.cnd.tel.co.jp/product/syo64.html>~~) and DVTS (~~Publication 2, <http://www.sfc.wide.ad.jp/DVTS/>~~), have been proposed. Ruff Systems is a system that distributes, on TCP/IP, non-compressed D1/HDTV pictures and DV streams, the streams being taken by video cameras. Ruff Systems requires a wide band, because non-compressed images and DV images are sued, but can distribute images in high quality. Meanwhile, many existing systems and tools utilize the MPEG moving picture format or the H.323 standard, which copes with narrow bands (see the following publications 3 to 6). These systems and tools (applications) enable a personal computer to receive, via the Internet, images taken by a camera. However, these applications are designed to handle a single moving picture, and therefore, are not suitable for handling a large number of moving pictures.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0005] on page 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

[0005] Other pertinent technologies include the ohphone H.323 endpoint application, the FFmpeg Multimedia System, the Coriander Linux graphical user interface (GUI) for controlling a digital camera through the IEEE 1394 bus, and ~~Publication 3:~~

~~http://www.openh323.org/docs/ohphone_man.html~~

~~Publication 4:~~

~~FFmpeg: <http://ffmpeg.sourceforge.net/>~~

~~Publication 5:~~

~~<http://www.tele.ucl.ac.be/PEOPLE/DOUXCHAMPS/ieee1394/coriander/>~~

~~Publication 6:~~

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"Experiments for Real-time MPEG-4 Visual Encoder" by Yasuyuki Miura and Michitetsu Katsumoto, Research Paper of Information Processing Society of Japan, 2002-DPS-100, pp. 25-30, 2002.